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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 199079 OF AUGUST 11, 1976, LONDON 13021

1. AS PART OF CONTINUING NOAA/NASA AIRBORNE HURRICANE RESEARCH STUDIES, NASA PLANS DEPLOYMENT OF NASA 712/CV-990 AIRCRAFT TO HOMESTEAD AFB, FLORIDA AUGUST 15-OCTOBER 15. TO REACH AND OBSERVE HURRICANE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REFUEL OR OPERATE FOR SHORT PERIOD FROM SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO AND BERMUDA. REQUEST AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO LAND AND STAGE FROM BERMUDA.

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2. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF STUDIES TO COLLECT BACKGROUND DATA ON HURRICANES IN SUPPORT OF NOAA AND TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE REMOTE SENSING OF HURRICANES AND HIGH SEA STATES IN SUPPORT FORTHCOMING NASA SEASAT-A SATELLITE.

3. INSTRUMENTATION ON BOARD AIRCRAFT INCLUDES MICROWAVE RADIOMETER, INFRARED RADIOMETERS, IMAGING RADARS, CLOUD

AND AIR SAMPLING PROBES AND ANALYZERS AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS.

4. AIRCRAFT WILL BE READY FOR DEPLOYMENT ON AUGUST 15. ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT TO FLORIDA WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN NOAA HAS ALERTED THE 990 CREW THAT A HURRICANE HAS DEVELOPED. FLIGHTS, ALL OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO, THE CARRIBEAN SEA AND THE ATLANTIC, WILL BE SCHEDULED AROUND OCCURENCE AND LOCATION OF HURRICANE. CREW MAY RECEIVE AS LITTLE AS 2-3 HOURS NOTICE.

5. PILOTS WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

6. RESEARCH RESULTS WILL BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

7. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC LAW CV-990, CALL NUMBER NASA 712, REGISTRATION NUMBER N712NA.

8. APPROXIMATELY 37 PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. ALL US CITIZENS EXCEPT DR. CHARLES ELACHI, LEBANESE CITIZEN WORKING FULL TIME AS EMPLOYEE NASA CONTRACTOR, JET PROPULSION LABORATORY. DR. ELACHI IS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR JPL RADAR EXPERIMENTS.

9. PLEASE OBTAIN NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT, LANDING AND STAGING CLEARANCES.
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